

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Group Members\_\_\_\_\_

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Interviewee's Name\_\_\_\_\_

### Cultural Geography Interview Project

**Who?** You will be in groups of 2 or 3, and each group will have the opportunity to conduct one interview. You can interview any missionary who has served in another country. This missionary may be currently serving or retired. **This interviewee needs to be chosen by March 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**What?** You will interview a missionary who has a unique story about the culture of another country to share. Your group will turn in a rough draft of 20 questions to ask your person. Ask open ended questions, rather than closed ones. Your questions should not be answered by simply saying “yes” or “no”, rather each question should allow the person to share a story or memory with you. **This list of questions will be due on April 1st.** Out of these questions you will pick 15 of them to ask. During the interview use a tape recorder or video camera to record your interview. This will be turned in. [If the interview must be conducted by e-mail, that will be acceptable. A printed transcript of your e-mail communications must be turned in.] Make sure every person in your group can be present at the interview, and participates by asking questions. If your interviewee is able to bring pictures or items, ask them to do so! You can take pictures or record shots of these items and include them in your interview. [If interview is through e-mail, you may ask the missionary to provide pictures by attachment.] The taped interview [or e-mail transcript] is **due on May 1<sup>st</sup>**. After the interview, each person will be responsible for a paper **due May 1<sup>st</sup> as well**, reflecting on what you have learned and what you thought of the experience overall (more information on this in the next section). After the interview is turned in, you will be required to write a brief thank you note to your interviewee (this will be done in class, we will provide the card and postage!).

**Reflection Paper:** You, as an individual, will need to write a reflection paper at the end of your interview. Address the following topics in your paper; “None” is not an acceptable answer for any of the following questions:

- What topics did you research in order to prepare for the interview?
- What expectations did you have going into the interview?
- What was your overall experience in the interview?
- How did the interview meet/not meet your expectations?
- What surprised you about the stories your interviewee shared?
- What do you think you gained from this experience?
- Would you recommend future students do this project? Why or why not?

Your paper should be 1 ½ to 2 pages long, double spaced, Times New Roman, size 12 font, with one inch margins NO EXCEPTIONS!

**Where?** You will be asked to go to your interviewee's home, or meet them in a place that is convenient for them. If the missionary is out of the country now, you will most likely have to conduct the interview through e-mail.

**How?** Make sure your questions are appropriate for the person you are interviewing. During the interview, always be respectful of the person you are interviewing. Some questions they may refuse to answer, if they are too personal or do not feel like talking about that subject. Don't pressure them to answer, just move on to the next question. Dress appropriately and use proper language and manners. Imagine you are visiting your future spouse's grandma. Dress in a way that would make her proud! Don't forget you are representing BCA and most of all our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

**When?** The schedule below will help you keep track of what items are due when. Write these down in your planner, and mark them off as you complete each step. You may turn anything in early!

#### **TIMELINE**

March 30<sup>th</sup>: Interviewee chosen

April 1<sup>st</sup>: List of questions to ask your interviewee is due

April 3<sup>rd</sup>: Contact the person you are going to interview and set up a date and time to meet

April 25<sup>th</sup>: By now you should have set up a time to meet your person and interview them

May 1<sup>st</sup>: Videotape or audio tape [or e-mail transcript] of your interview and Reflection paper is due

May 6<sup>th</sup>: Thank you note is due and will be completed in class.

**What am I responsible for? You will need to be present at the interview!** Each individual is responsible for turning in a reflection paper on this experience. In addition, each person will be responsible for participating with the group and contributing ideas.

**What is the group responsible for?** As a group, you will be responsible for a list of questions to ask the person you are interviewing, conducting the interview, and writing a thank you note.

#### **How many points is this worth?**

List of questions: 20 points

Tape/Audio recording of interview: 50 points

One page reflection: 40 points

Thank you note: 15 points

**TOTAL: 125 points**